

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: BASIC COURSE

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INTRODUCTION

The changing humanitarian landscape requires a change in capacities and knowledge of humanitarian actors. Leaders and managers in the various humanitarian organizations will benefit from a multi disciplinary understanding of the changing humanitarian landscape. A multi disciplinary approach is not saddled with specialization and sector specific content. It will require examination of the changing humanitarian landscape and its implication for policy and strategy using a multi sector approach. This Basic Humanitarian Course (BHC) will provide participants with an opportunity to explore processes, events and policy debates shaping the humanitarian landscape as managers and decision makers in their various institutions.

The course taught in collaboration with the York University provides humanitarian actors an opportunity to assess, learn and reflect on critical aspects of humanitarian work. The course provides practitioners with a structured system to learn from and engage with peers while benefiting from lectures from experts. The course is delivered with the practitioner in mind; it provides an opportunity for the participant to reflect on his or her own experience while benefiting from exchange of best practices from peers. The course is therefore grounded on a discourse on the current challenges and opportunities characterizing the humanitarian landscape. Since the course is multi disciplinary, it will be suitable for professionals from any discipline and academic backgrounds.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

The course outlines the trends in humanitarian responses in disasters and conflicts in Africa. The five days will examine the conceptual issues in humanitarian affairs within social, political, economic, cultural and environmental contexts by using African specific case studies. The participants examine and analyse the key clusters in humanitarian response – protection, food and nutrition, health, shelter and water and sanitation hygiene (WASH) within study materials to learn key skills and components. Communities in different humanitarian responses will be analysed. Foundation skills for monitoring and evaluation will be taught where participants will adapt them according to their contexts.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Examine the nature of humanitarianism today and understand the different mechanisms to respond to humanitarian needs locally and globally
2. Understand the social, political and economic contexts that affect humanitarian policy and practice
3. Critically engage with the past, present and potential future of the humanitarian discourse

COURSE AGENDA

DAY 01: HUMANITARIANISM

- Past-present-future of humanitarianism
- Humanitarian principles, norms and frameworks
- Introduction to participant project

DAY 02: HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

- Challenges in the changing humanitarian landscape
- Humanitarian responses in the African context: challenges and opportunities
- Complex emergencies (understanding disasters and conflicts)
- Conflict and disaster impact analysis
- Challenges to humanitarian work in Africa – Poverty, terrorism, conflicts and fragility

DAY 03: PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE & MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

- Introduction to designing humanitarian responses
- Protection issues in African humanitarian contexts
- Monitoring and evaluation in humanitarian responses

DAY 04: HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMING: AN INTRODUCTION

- Humanitarian clusters: food and nutrition, health, shelter and water and sanitation hygiene
- Project management – donors, agencies and people
- Defining community
- Communities in conflicts and disasters

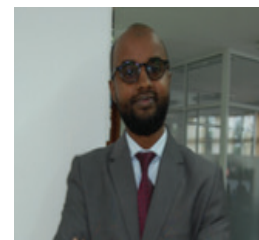
DAY 05: HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE ARE DOING BETTER?

FACILITATORS

Dr. Janaka Jayawickrama (course Co-Director) has been a humanitarian worker since 1994. He has been actively involved in humanitarian responses in the Sri Lankan conflict and 2004 Tsunami. Apart from this, Janaka was a humanitarian worker and researcher in the 2001 Gujarat Earthquake, displacement in Western Darfur, Sudan, refugees in Malawi, Pakistan and Jordan (2005 - 2008). Janaka has conducted more than 150 local training and education activities for humanitarian workers. He was the lead trainer for UNHCR regional workshops for Africa and the Middle East during 2007 - 2008. Janaka's fieldwork and research concepts of community care has influenced the development of the UN community-based approach to crisis-affected people. As the Programme Director of the MSc in International Humanitarian Affairs (MIHA) at PRDU of the University of York, Janaka is focussing on recognising the capacity and expertise of national humanitarian workers.



Ahmed Idris (course Co-Director) is the Head of Policy and Advocacy at the Kenya Red Cross. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws in International Law from the University of Nairobi. He also holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School Tufts University. Ahmed has over seven years experience shaping law and policy in Kenya and the region, working with public governments and communities to address humanitarian challenges. Ahmed provided leadership as an expert negotiator in humanitarian dialogue processes with communities in conflict in Kenya. Ahmed's scholarly research has focused on protection, conflict resolution, legal dimensions of humanitarian access, resilience and international humanitarian law. Ahmed also serves as an advisor to the Vice President for Africa of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) where he contributes to shaping humanitarian work in Africa.



Dr. Jo Rose conducted many evaluations, programmes and research projects in Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Liberia, Mozambique and Tanzania since early 2000. Jo has further collaborated with conflict and disaster affected communities in developing projects and activities, especially in Somalia, South Sudan and Tanzania. Jo has conducted workshops on humanitarian assistance, research methods, project management, needs assessments, monitoring and evaluation and sustainable development. Her ongoing work on community involvement in the delivery of humanitarian aid seeks to shape future practice and policy on humanitarian interventions in disasters and conflicts. As the Associate Lecturer of the MSc in International Humanitarian Affairs (MIHA) at PRDU of the University of York, Jo is leading the process to establish research-led teaching.



Prof. Mukesh Kapila is the professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester. He is currently a Special Advisor to the World Humanitarian Summit. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and Adjunct Professor at the International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs, Nairobi. He is a Special Representative of the Aegis Trust, and Vice Chair of Nonviolent Peaceforce. His memoir "Against a Tide of Evil" was nominated for the "2013 Best Non Fiction Book" award. Professor Kapila has extensive experience in international development, humanitarian affairs, human rights and diplomacy, with particular expertise in tackling crimes against humanity, disaster and conflict management, and in global public health. He has qualifications in medicine, public health, and development from the Universities of Oxford and London. He has served in senior roles in the British Government at the Department for International Development and subsequently at the United Nations, World Health Organization, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and many other bodies including as chair of Minority Rights Group International. He has been honoured by Queen Elizabeth II and named a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his international service. Other awards include the Global Citizenship Award of the Institute for Global Leadership, the "I Witness!" award for his work on human rights, and a special resolution of the California State Legislature for "lifetime achievements and meritorious service".



Dr. James Kisia is the Executive Director for the International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Secretary General, Kenya Red Cross. He has over sixteen year experience in humanitarian work at senior management level where he has been in charge of programming. Prior to joining the Kenya Red Cross ten years ago James has worked for the government of Kenya as medical officer in disaster and conflict prone areas of northern Kenya. At Kenya Red Cross James has held the positions of Head of Health, Deputy Secretary General and Head of Operations. He has served in global committees in health, DM and other Red Cross Movement Initiatives. He is currently the innovation thematic lead for the East and Southern Africa World Humanitarian Summit consultation and has written on humanitarian matters as well as presented papers on emergency health, disaster management, and humanitarian funding in global workshops. James trained as Medical Doctor in the West Indies later received his MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He also hold an MA (Distinction) in practicing management from Lancaster University Management School.

